

STRAY TOPICS FROM NEW YORK

BRIEF BITS OF GOSSIPS AND HAPPENINGS OUT OF THE ORDINARY

NEW YORK, July 29.—Oscar B. Straus, the Progressive candidate for governor in the election last fall and whose views on politics and public questions are always worthy of attention, expresses the opinion that the fusion movement in New York City will be successful this year and that Tammany is in for a good licking.

The New York police caution householders not to leave all their blinds down when away for the summer, as it serves as an invitation to burglars to enter the place. A man living in an apartment on the upper West side, however, has adopted the more expedient of pulling his blinds down and putting a "To Let" sign in the front window, thus giving the impression that the apartment is untenanted and not worth entering.

Building operations are about to begin for the \$250,000 home which the Young Women's Hebrew Association is to construct just off Fifth Avenue, at the upper end of Central Park. The building will be eight stories high. Among the features will be included a swimming pool, gymnasium, dining room, roof garden, sleeping rooms and classrooms for the teaching of dressmaking, millinery, cooking, and typewriting. The institution is to be conducted largely along the lines of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Many lines of goods, ranging from diamonds to dishcloths, are being imported in large quantities by the New York dealers in anticipation of the coming winter effect of the new tariff which will increase the rates of duty on many of the commodities. On the other hand, the bonded ware houses of this city are crammed with nearly \$100,000,000 of merchandise which will be favored by lower rates under the new tariff law. Of course, along there is to be a run and some valued at more than \$172,000,000 stored in Brooklyn warehouses under bond, to be released as soon as the new tariff law comes into effect. All of the great warehouses of New York and vicinity are filled practically to their capacity with merchandise on which the present tariff is expected to be reduced or entirely removed.

To encourage the invention of devices to promote safety and health in industrial life, the American Museum of Safety announces that a number of valuable prizes will be awarded at the first international exposition of such devices, which will be held in this city in December. Arthur Williams, president of the Museum, has gone abroad to select exhibits from the twenty-one museums of safety in Europe, and he expects most of them to be represented at the exposition here, showing more thoroughly than has ever been shown before the entire field of progress in accident prevention and health promotion in industry.

One by one the old churches and edifices of New York are disappearing. Scarcely a handful of those that once sent their spires skyward at the lower end of Manhattan now remain. Even some of those farther uptown are now giving way to what is called Progress. As is evidenced by the announcement that Old South Church in the Murray Hill section, has been sold to speculators and will soon be torn down and replaced with fashionable apartment houses. The church is one of the first Dutch Reformed houses erected in this city. At the time it was built the site probably could have been bought for \$10,000. It is understood that those who have purchased it now had to pay close to \$1,000,000 for it.

On a recent day in Wall Street the amount of trading descended to the lowest level recorded there in seventeen years. Many of the numbers shook their heads and predicted that it was all up with their profession. But things have looked brighter with them since, as has always been the case in the past. Speculation appeared to be nearly dead, and the public showed absolute indifference toward attractive investment prices of securities. But the Stock Exchange never fails to "come back." Speculation returns, and the public returns to the market. In 1896 the greatest expansion of business the country had ever seen followed close on the heels of the period of greatest depression in the stock market.

To help the back to the country movement, which has been rampant for several years and which is growing steadily every day a permanent country life exposition is to be inaugurated shortly in the new Grand Central Station in this city. All the space over the great waiting room said to be one of the largest in the country, has been leased for the purpose for the next ten years. The centre of the hall will be occupied with a general exhibition and lounge room and around the sides will be grouped sixty booths which will be given over to exhibitors. The walls will be covered with paintings and prints illustrating suburban and country life in its most attractive

phases. Every type of country house will be illustrated with pictures and architectural drawings. In the booths will be found everything needed for the country home. The value and ton of various building materials will be discussed, so that anybody contemplating building can secure expert knowledge on points that might cause much annoyance later.

The recent business that the roof gardens in New York have been doing this summer recalls to mind the fact that this form of amusement was unknown to the metropolis a quarter of a century ago. The first roof garden was laid out atop of the old Casino Theatre and was a product of the theatrical mind of Randolph Aronson. Other theatre managers to whom Mr. Aronson disclosed his plans laughed at the idea of a theatre on the roof. But they reasoned wrongly, for the success that attended the show given by stars under the stars soon caused other theatrical men to look to the roofs of their theatres, and it was not long after that the Casino roof garden had rivals. Half a dozen big roof gardens are doing roaring business every summer night in the metropolis. In addition to the regular shows the majority of them provide dancing and casual entertainment. Some of them are frankly attractive places and the performers are of the best. The greatest machine for the roof of town visitors is the Madison Square roof garden, doubtless due to its large numbers to the visitor's desire to see the place where the Tussle last night was enacted.

BIRDMAN SACRIFICED RACE FOR SWEETHEART

"An Actor's generosity" to be shown at Glenwood Park tonight.

This is an exciting and interesting story which carries the spectators skyward as the plot is being unfolded. There are real aeroplanes in action, and the race for the championship is said to be one of the most thrilling ever presented in motion pictures.

Vladar, an aviator, and his sister, the only occupants of the old family estate, but the brother became involved in debt and has recourse to a professional money lender. The day for payment arrived and young Vladar finds that he has no sufficient money to meet his note. He has recourse to his guardian, but his guardian's allowance already has been overdrawn and he is refused any further money. In the meantime he has entered into an agreement to compete with Aubert, another celebrated birdman, for the prize of \$2,500 and the championship. The aviators are close friends, and Aubert is introduced to Elsa, the sister of Vladar. It is a case of love at first sight, and they have frequent meetings. Before the great race, however, Vladar discovers that Aubert has another sweetheart, and thereupon compels his sister to send a letter renouncing him. Vladar accuses Aubert of bad faith, and the two part on bad terms. Before the race the former is granted an extension of time on his note, with the understanding that should he win the money he is to be reimbursed at once. His sister learns of this and hastens to Aubert, with the request that he lose the race for her sake. At first he is inclined to be resentful, but upon seeing that Elsa still loves a loser that he had given her, he consents to be content with the second prize.

Then comes the exciting race in which the two rival birdmen fly. The machines are plainly visible, and one seems to take from another aeroplane. Before the spectators are all excitement, with field glasses pointed skyward, and in the end Vladar reaches the ground first and is proclaimed the winner. His sister is in company with Aubert in the house when her brother enters the prize money and the medal. She takes the latter from him and puts it on the breast of the man she loves, with the explanation of how he had sacrificed the race. A reconciliation follows, and Aubert and Elsa become engaged.

The Difference Between "The Summer Girl" and "The Summer Woman."

While the former is having a "good time" the latter is too often dragging around nervous run down, tired out, with aching back and weary limbs, sleepless and wretched. Often it is kidney trouble not female trouble and Foley Kidney Pills are a direct and positive help for the condition. Mrs. M. J. Strickland, Mt. William, Ala., writes: "Please send me another bottle of Foley Kidney Pills. They do me all the good. I can not sleep at night without them."

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COURT LIFE IN JAPAN

THE every day life of the Japanese court is practically unknown to the public in spite of the increasing enterprise of Japanese journalism, which has made repeated efforts to break down the barrier of exclusiveness and secrecy that has hitherto guarded all approach to the inner apartments of the Chiyoda palace. Invariably these attempts to violate the sanctity of the imperial precincts have ended in failure, and with a short time and no consecutive and intelligent account of what actually goes on at court had ever been published.

The death of the Emperor Meiji, who has now joined the ranks of the Sacred Ancestors with the posthumous title of Meiji Tenno, and the retirement of the lord chamberlain, Prince Tokudomi, have removed the two greatest obstacles in the way of a more intimate knowledge of palace happenings.

The new emperor and his consort, the Empress Sadako, are much more modern in their ideas and thoughts than the late ruler and it has not been long since several expressions of their liberal tendencies to foreign visitors.

Palace is Modern.
The emperor and empress have not yet removed to the Chiyoda palace, the residence of the reigning monarch, from the Akasaka palace, a broad new German structure, which is the home of the crown prince of Japan. It is owing to the necessity of the former undergoing a thorough overhaul and repair. When they do go into residence there it is probable that the old order will be changed and that life in the palace will no longer follow the old mysterious routine, which was associated with the days of Meiji.

All the more interest therefore attaches to the contents of a small volume just published, known as "Memories of the Imperial Household," in which the writer is partially indebted for some of the information contained in this article.

The Chiyoda palace is hidden away in the immense compound behind the bright moat and high walls, which enclose practically the center of the

the coldest weather. All night a watch is kept by several of the serving women against a possible outbreak of fire as the result of religious, hibachi or overtopping of candles.

Rules Are Strict.
The whole of the service in the palace is monopolized by women. The exception of the imperial pages who are the messengers between the outer and inner court, is the only exception of men and of the presence of the king who have the right to enter the palace. The emperor is never seen from the presence of a chamberlain to carry out some small job is a great rarity, owing to the precautions which have to be taken against the possibility of assassination.

Also the late emperor disliked excess strictly the ceremonial strangers party is going to the palace conservatory and partly ending in a certain nearness which obliged in the performance of repairs. There is a story which is not true but at least has its basis in fact that on one occasion an emperor was found in a park in the heart of the city, and he was seen by a commoner who was a very close friend of the emperor.

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CLEANING PALACE ROOM

city of Tokyo. Besides the palace it is the compound contains barracks for a regiment of guards, the offices of the imperial cabinet, of the privy council, of the ministry of the household, the ministry of justice, the ministry of education, the ministry of agriculture, and the ministry of commerce and industry.

The palace itself is divided into the outer and inner court. The former is that to which the world of officials, nobles and diplomats has a limited admittance. Its spacious halls and apartments are all furnished in for each style. It is illuminated with electricity and warmed by steam.

The inner court admits the outer, being connected with it by a wide corridor. It is both externally and internally absolutely pure Japanese. The floor is covered with white "tatami," the walls of the rooms are "slatted" with paper screens. There are mats for sitting and low tables of white wood for eating. The illumination is entirely by candles set in "lanterns," while warmth is obtained only from "hibachi" or charcoal braziers. In the inner court is neither gas nor electricity, nor even an oil lamp. It is practically the only residence in Tokyo, of high or low degree, without the slightest trace of western civilization, which has ostensibly conquered the country.

During the illness of the late emperor or a brain fever was introduced into the palace, which was the first introduction into the inner palace of any piece of foreign furniture. As a matter of fact the imperial patient never moved onto it, and it was later removed to the outer court. But foreign-made sheets and pillows were used instead of the native habutai on which he generally rested.

So strict are the precautions against fire that all the kitchen stoves, which are of the usual Japanese style, and all hibachi must be extinguished at eight o'clock in the evening, even in

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—

The situation with regard to the attitude of the United States towards Mexico is expected to be brought to a focus early in the week, when Minister Wilson will arrive in Washington to confer with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. Minister Wilson will be quizzed as to the real strength of the Huerta government, the extent and character of the revolutionary movement and the real facts concerning the outrages, in which Americans and their property are alleged to have fallen victims. Either intervention or some form of recognition of the Huerta government is expected to follow this conference.

Democrats, republicans, progressives and the two minor parties are to engage in a primary Monday to select candidates for congressman from the Third Maine district, in support of the late Congressman, Forrest Goodwin. The political situation in the district is full of interesting possibilities. The late Congressman Goodwin, Republican, was elected last September over Gould, Democrat, the sitting member, by a plurality of only 709. At that time the Progressive party had no candidate in the field. In the coming election the progressive will have a candidate of their own, and the result is expected to show to some extent the relative strength of the three parties.

Other events that will figure more or less prominently in the news of the week will include the Perry centennial celebration at Toledo, the international peace celebration at Fort Erie, Ont., the charter session in Chocoma, the convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges in Winnipeg, and the constitutional amendment demonstration scheduled to take place in Washington on Thursday, and which will be participated in by delegations of suffragists from all parts of the country.

On the calendar of sporting and athletic events appear the Grand Circuit races at Grand Rapids, the annual horse show at Long Branch, N. J., the sailing yacht and motor boat races at Toledo and Put-in-Bay, a big athletic meet in connection with the laying of the cornerstone for the new home of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, the "Canadian Henley" rowing regatta at St. Catharines, Ont., and the championship races of the Canadian Canoe Association at St. Johns, Que.

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